

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes July 7, 2009

The Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

Members present

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman
Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present

John W. Pettigrew, Jr., County Administrator
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney
Lynn Strom, Finance Manager
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council
and others as per list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and the administrator gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve the July 7, 2009 Council Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the June 2, 2009 Minutes of the Edgefield County Council Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

No comments.

Resolutions

No resolutions.

Ordinances

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-607, "An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Edgefield County, South Carolina." Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-608, "An Ordinance to Institute Hours of Operation for Establishments in Edgefield County Which Allow for the On-Premise Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages." Motion carried, with Councilman Dorn opposing.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Chairman Kneece, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-609, "An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Designation of Tax Map #126-00-03-006-000 from General-Agricultural Development (GD) to Industrial Development (ID). Motion did not carry, only two yeas, with Councilman Ashcraft, Councilman Dorn and Councilwoman Blackwell each opposing.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Chairman Kneece, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-610, "An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Designation of Tax Map #126-00-03-007-000 from Residential-Agricultural Development (RD) to Limited Commercial (LC)." Motion did not carry, only two yeas, with Councilman Ashcraft, Councilman Dorn and Councilwoman Blackwell each opposing.

Ordinances 08-09-609 and 610 were approved by the Edgefield County Planning Commission prior to being presented to the County Council.

No resolutions.

New Business

Veteran Advocate presentation.

Ms. Marilyn Jones with Charlie Norwood Veteran's Medical Center in Augusta, GA. Ms. Jones addressed council concerning a new program designed to inform and assist veterans with their healthcare and benefit needs. The advocate team visits veterans and their families in their home, churches, social events, etc. in order to let them know of the services available.

Edgefield County Park rental fees.

There were two different rental fees presented to council for consideration: (1) Edgefield County citizens and (2) Out of county citizens. It was suggested to have only one set of charges and that would be the rental fees for the in-county citizens. Also, to lower the fee for the use of the football field from \$400 to \$300.

Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to accept one rental fee schedule for all citizens, that being the one suggested for in-county citizens. Motion carried.

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County Recreation Commission appointment.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Chairman Kneece, to appoint Councilman Ashcraft to serve on the Edgefield County Recreation Board. Everett Kitchens' term expired June 30, 2009, creating this vacancy on the board. Councilman Ashcraft will serve until he can find someone to fill the position.

Old Business

Census 2010 Committee appointments

Council was asked to appoint at least five individuals to serve on the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee. Three were appointed at the May County Council meeting. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell to appoint Natalie Saint and Malissa Browder to serve on the Census 2010 Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Northside Park restroom

Rev. Gordon addressed council in regards to the restroom facility for Northside Park. He asked the administrator if any grants were being pursued for the park. As Mr. Pettigrew has explained previously, Edgefield County does not own that property – that limits grants that are available. In connection with PARD funding, the county has set aside a certain amount for the park from that grant program.

Consensus of council: get figures and an appropriate sketch on a double restroom facility rather than just on the single facility. Councilman Ashcraft asked to have the information at least ten days prior to the August meeting.

Administrator's Report.

The administrator informed council and the audience that the EMS is sponsoring CPR classes this summer. There are two more classes scheduled (free) for anyone in the county that would be interested in signing up, ages 12 and up. The dates are July 15 and July 21st, conducted at Star Rd. at the EMS building, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 in the afternoon.

The Edgefield County employees are sponsoring a food drive July 20th through July 31st to help those in need in our county. Boxes will be put in county buildings for those wishing to make a donation.

Guests

Norman Stephenson signed to speak but declined.

Comments from public

No comments.

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Claims approved as follows:

- A. **PAYROLL: 6/1/09 thru 6/14/09**
- Regular.....\$233,063.48
- B. **PAYROLL: 6/15/09 thru 6/28/09**
- Regular.....\$226,537.73
- B. **General Operating.....\$592,278.70**

Executive Session-

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft to convene in executive session pursuant to Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) of the SC Code of Laws 1976, as amended, concerning a contractual matter, and returning to regular session at the discretion of the Chairman.

Returning to regular session, a motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to proceed to negotiate with 2km architects and bring information back to council, and if we cannot successfully negotiate with 2km move down to the next one on the list. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4th, in the council chambers.

ATTEST

Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman

Regenia Blackwell, Councilwoman

Norman Dorn, Councilman

